

voluntary manner to address natural resource concerns;

Whereas NRCS employees serve in offices in every State and territory, while other employees assist other countries and governments;

Whereas while some NRCS employees work directly with landowners, other employees serve in support of NRCS field operations, but all work toward a common goal of improving the condition of all natural resources found on private lands, knowing when they succeed, all Americans benefit; and

Whereas the NRCS has been "helping people, help the land" for 75 years: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), That Congress—

(1) congratulates the outstanding conservation professionals of the Natural Resources Conservation Service on the occasion of the 75th anniversary of the Natural Resources Conservation Service;

(2) recognizes the vital role conservation plays in the well-being of the United States;

(3) expresses its continued commitment to the conservation of natural resources on private lands in both the national interest and as a national priority; and

(4) recognizes the services that the Natural Resources Conservation Service provides to the United States by helping farmers, ranchers, and other landowners to protect soil, water, and related natural resources.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. HOLDEN) and the gentleman from Oklahoma (Mr. LUCAS) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Pennsylvania.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. HOLDEN. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks on S. Con. Res. 62.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Pennsylvania?

There was no objection.

Mr. HOLDEN. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself as much time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of S. Con. Res. 62, congratulating the outstanding professional public servants, both past and present, of the United States Department of Agriculture's Natural Resources Conservation Service on the occasion of its 75th anniversary.

I am proud to say that Members on both sides of the aisle support this resolution. I join Agriculture Committee Chairman COLLIN PETERSON, Ranking Member FRANK LUCAS, and many of my colleagues on the Agriculture Committee in cosponsoring the House version of this resolution, which recognizes an important Federal agency that has helped our farmers and ranchers practice smart conservation on private land since its inception in 1935.

Established by Congress in response to the Dust Bowl disaster that devastated vast stretches of our land, the agency was originally known as the Soil Conservation Service. In 1994, the agency's name changed to the Natural

Resources Conservation Service to more accurately reflect its role in protecting all natural resources, not only soil, but also air, water, plants, and animals.

NRCS provides technical and financial assistance to landowners at local levels, thus recognizing the diversity of the land in this country and the unique concerns in each region. In fact, you will find NRCS field offices in nearly every county in the Nation. NRCS helps local communities carry out thousands of conservation projects, which often translate into opportunities for job creation and increased investment in local communities.

Mr. Speaker, the United States depends as much today on productive soils and an abundant, high-quality water supply as we did 75 years ago. In fact, given the agricultural and environmental challenges we face, these programs are more important than ever. With this resolution we salute the NRCS professionals, both past and present, who have worked alongside America's local farmers and ranchers for 75 years to help preserve our essential natural resources.

I urge my colleagues to support this resolution and to join me in recognizing the great work of the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service.

I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. LUCAS. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself as much time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of Senate Concurrent Resolution 62, which recognizes the 75 years of service of the National Resources Conservation Service, the NRCS. Created by Congress in 1935, the Soil Conservation Service, now known as the NRCS, has worked hand-in-hand with local governments, organizations, farmers, ranchers, and other landowners to preserve and protect our Nation's natural resources on private lands.

Farmers were conserving long before it became a celebrated trend to "go green". They have always had a vested interest in preserving the land that provides for them. Partnering with the NRCS, our producers are provided the scientific and technical assistance to implement the most advanced conservation practices in the world.

Through the NRCS's assistance and implementation of conservation programs, producers have voluntarily worked to help reduce soil erosion, increase wetlands, and improve water and air quality, meeting mounting government regulations and preserving farmland and wildlife habitat. The environmental gains produced on these private lands provide benefits far beyond the farm.

The benefits of the NRCS's assistance are evident in my home State of Oklahoma. The conservation practices implemented by the producers have reduced the removal of topsoil and prevented a recurrence of the disastrous conditions of the 1930s Dust Bowl from ever happening again. NRCS also works

to protect the safety of our rural communities by rehabilitating old dams and working to implement flood prevention programs.

I would like to thank Chairman PETERSON for his leadership in introducing a similar resolution I have cosponsored. I would also like to thank my colleagues on the Ag Committee who have helped to craft the greenest farm bills in recent history. But most importantly, I want to thank and congratulate the men and women of the Natural Resources Conservation Service for their work in the field over the years, providing our producers with the assistance to protect our natural resources.

And let me just say once again: representing a part of the great State of Oklahoma that faced the greatest challenges of both the economic depression of the 1930s and the Dust Bowl, those good folks at what at that time was the Soil Conservation Service, working with what we would now consider to be very primitive equipment, working to educate and encourage producers to adopt practices that would ultimately make such a tremendous difference they have—what can you say? Whether it's the NRCS or the old Soil Conservation Service, the same great people for 75 years taking care of our natural resources. Thank you.

I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. HOLDEN. I yield back the balance of my time, Mr. Speaker, and urge the passage of the resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. HOLDEN) that the House suspend the rules and concur in the concurrent resolution, S. Con. Res. 62.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the concurrent resolution was concurred in.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until approximately 6:30 p.m. today.

Accordingly (at 3 o'clock and 22 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess until approximately 6:30 p.m.

□ 1830

AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mrs. HALVORSON) at 6 o'clock and 30 minutes p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, proceedings will resume on motions to suspend the rules previously postponed.

Votes will be taken in the following order:

House Resolution 1294, by the yeas and nays;

House Resolution 1328, by the yeas and nays;

House Resolution 1299, by the yeas and nays.

Proceedings on House Concurrent Resolution 268 will resume later in the week.

The first electronic vote will be conducted as a 15-minute vote. Remaining electronic votes will be conducted as 5-minute votes.

SUPPORTING DESIGNATION OF NATIONAL EXPLOSIVE ORDNANCE DISPOSAL DAY

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The unfinished business is the vote on the motion to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, H. Res. 1294, on which the yeas and nays were ordered.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from New York (Mr. Towns) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, H. Res. 1294.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 388, nays 0, not voting 42, as follows:

[Roll No. 256]

YEAS—388

Ackerman	Burton (IN)	Dicks
Aderholt	Butterfield	Dingell
Adler (NJ)	Buyer	Doggett
Akin	Calvert	Donnelly (IN)
Alexander	Camp	Doyle
Altmire	Campbell	Dreier
Andrews	Cantor	Driehaus
Arcuri	Capito	Duncan
Austria	Capps	Edwards (MD)
Baca	Capuano	Edwards (TX)
Bachmann	Cardoza	Ehlers
Bachus	Carnahan	Ellison
Baird	Carney	Ellsworth
Baldwin	Carson (IN)	Emerson
Barrow	Carter	Eshoo
Bartlett	Cassidy	Etheridge
Barton (TX)	Castle	Farr
Bean	Castor (FL)	Fattah
Becerra	Chaffetz	Filner
Berkley	Chandler	Flake
Berman	Childers	Fleming
Biggert	Chu	Forbes
Bilbray	Clay	Fortenberry
Bilirakis	Cleaver	Foster
Bishop (GA)	Clyburn	Fox
Bishop (NY)	Coble	Frank (MA)
Blackburn	Coffman (CO)	Franks (AZ)
Blumenauer	Cohen	Frelinghuysen
Bocieri	Conaway	Fudge
Boehner	Conyers	Gallely
Bonner	Cooper	Garamendi
Bono Mack	Costa	Garrett (NJ)
Boozman	Costello	Gerlach
Boren	Courtney	Giffords
Boswell	Crenshaw	Gingrey (GA)
Boucher	Crowley	Gonzalez
Boustany	Cuellar	Goodlatte
Boyd	Culberson	Gordon (TN)
Brady (PA)	Cummings	Granger
Brady (TX)	Dahlkemper	Graves
Braley (IA)	Davis (CA)	Grayson
Bright	Davis (IL)	Green, Al
Broun (GA)	Davis (KY)	Green, Gene
Brown (SC)	DeGette	Griffith
Brown, Corrine	DeLauro	Grijalva
Brown-Waite,	Dent	Guthrie
Ginny	Deutch	Hall (NY)
Buchanan	Diaz-Balart, L.	Hall (TX)
Burgess	Diaz-Balart, M.	Halvorson

Hare	McCarthy (CA)	Ruppersberger
Harman	McCarthy (NY)	Ryan (OH)
Harper	McCaul	Ryan (WI)
Hastings (FL)	McClintock	Salazar
Hastings (WA)	McCollum	Sanchez, Linda
Heinrich	McCotter	T.
Hensarling	McDermott	Sanchez, Loretta
Herger	McGovern	Sarbanes
Hereth Sandlin	McHenry	Scalise
Higgins	McIntyre	Schakowsky
Hill	McMorris	Schauer
Himes	Rodgers	Schiff
Hinchey	McNerney	Schmidt
Hinojosa	Melancon	Schock
Hirono	Mica	Schrader
Holden	Michaud	Schwartz
Holt	Miller (FL)	Scott (GA)
Honda	Miller (MI)	Scott (VA)
Hoyer	Miller (NC)	Sensenbrenner
Hunter	Miller, Gary	Serrano
Inslee	Miller, George	Sessions
Israel	Minnick	Sestak
Issa	Mitchell	Shadegg
Jackson (IL)	Moore (KS)	Shea-Porter
Jackson Lee	Moore (WI)	Sherman
(TX)	Moran (KS)	Shimkus
Jenkins	Moran (VA)	Shuler
Johnson (GA)	Murphy (CT)	Shuster
Johnson (IL)	Murphy (NY)	Simpson
Johnson, E. B.	Murphy, Patrick	Sires
Johnson, Sam	Murphy, Tim	Skelton
Jones	Myrick	Slaughter
Jordan (OH)	Nadler (NY)	Smith (NE)
Kagen	Napolitano	Smith (NJ)
Kanjorski	Neal (MA)	Smith (TX)
Kaptur	Neugebauer	Smith (WA)
Kennedy	Nunes	Snyder
Kildee	Nye	Space
Kilpatrick (MI)	Oberstar	Spratt
Kilroy	Obey	Stark
Kind	Olson	Stearns
King (NY)	Olver	Stupak
Kingston	Ortiz	Sullivan
Kirkpatrick (AZ)	Owens	Sutton
Kissell	Pallone	Tanner
Klein (FL)	Pascrell	Taylor
Kline (MN)	Pastor (AZ)	Teague
Kosmas	Paul	Terry
Kratovil	Paulsen	Thompson (CA)
Kucinich	Pence	Thompson (MS)
Lamborn	Perlmutter	Thompson (PA)
Lance	Perriello	Thornberry
Langevin	Peterson	Tiahrt
Larsen (WA)	Petri	Tiberi
Larson (CT)	Pingree (ME)	Tierney
LaTourette	Pitts	Titus
Latta	Platts	Tonko
Lee (NY)	Poe (TX)	Towns
Levin	Polis (CO)	Tsongas
Lewis (CA)	Pomeroy	Turner
Lewis (GA)	Posey	Upton
Linder	Price (GA)	Van Hollen
Lipinski	Price (NC)	Velázquez
LoBiondo	Putnam	Visclosky
Loeback	Quigley	Walden
Lofgren, Zoe	Rahall	Walz
Lowey	Rangel	Watson
Lucas	Rehberg	Watt
Luetkemeyer	Reichert	Waxman
Lujan	Richardson	Weiner
Lummis	Roe (TN)	Welch
Lungren, Daniel	Rogers (AL)	Westmoreland
E.	Rogers (KY)	Whitfield
Mack	Rogers (MI)	Wilson (OH)
Maffei	Rohrabacher	Wilson (SC)
Maloney	Rooney	Wittman
Manzullo	Ros-Lehtinen	Wolf
Marchant	Roskam	Woolsey
Markey (MA)	Ross	Wu
Marshall	Rothman (NJ)	Yarmuth
Matheson	Roybal-Allard	Young (AK)
Matsui	Royce	Young (FL)

NOT VOTING—42

Barrett (SC)	Gutierrez	Mollohan
Berry	Heller	Payne
Bishop (UT)	Hodes	Peters
Blunt	Hoekstra	Radanovich
Cao	Inglis	Reyes
Clarke	King (IA)	Rodriguez
Cole	Kirk	Rush
Connolly (VA)	Latham	Broun (GA)
Davis (AL)	Lee (CA)	Brown (SC)
Davis (TN)	Speier	Brown, Corrine
DeFazio	Lynch	Brown-Waite,
Delahunt	Markey (CO)	Ginny
Engel	McKeon	Buchanan
Fallin	McMahon	Burgess
Gohmert	Meek (FL)	Burton (IN)
	Meeks (NY)	

□ 1856

Messrs. TEAGUE and TIAHRT and Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD changed their vote from “nay” to “yea.”

So (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the resolution was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Stated for:

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Madam Speaker, on rollcall No. 256, had I been present, I would have voted “yea.”

HONORING WILLIAM EARNEST “ERNIE” HARWELL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The unfinished business is the vote on the motion to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, H. Res. 1328, on which the yeas and nays were ordered.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from New York (Mr. Towns) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, H. Res. 1328.

This will be a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 394, nays 0, not voting 36, as follows:

[Roll No. 257]

YEAS—394

Ackerman	Butterfield	Deutch
Aderholt	Buyer	Diaz-Balart, L.
Adler (NJ)	Calvert	Diaz-Balart, M.
Akin	Camp	Dicks
Alexander	Campbell	Dingell
Altmire	Cantor	Doggett
Andrews	Capito	Donnelly (IN)
Arcuri	Capps	Doyle
Austria	Capuano	Dreier
Baca	Cardoza	Driehaus
Bachmann	Carnahan	Duncan
Bachus	Carney	Edwards (MD)
Baird	Carson (IN)	Edwards (TX)
Baldwin	Carter	Ehlers
Barrow	Cassidy	Ellison
Bartlett	Castle	Ellsworth
Barton (TX)	Castor (FL)	Emerson
Bean	Chaffetz	Eshoo
Becerra	Chandler	Etheridge
Berkley	Childers	Farr
Berman	Chu	Fattah
Biggert	Clarke	Filner
Bilbray	Clay	Flake
Bilirakis	Cleaver	Fleming
Bishop (GA)	Clyburn	Forbes
Bishop (NY)	Coble	Fortenberry
Blackburn	Coffman (CO)	Foster
Blumenauer	Cohen	Fox
Bocieri	Conaway	Frank (MA)
Boehner	Connolly (VA)	Franks (AZ)
Bonner	Conyers	Frelinghuysen
Bono Mack	Cooper	Fudge
Boozman	Boren	Gallely
Boswell	Costello	Garamendi
Boucher	Courtney	Garrett (NJ)
Boustany	Crenshaw	Gerlach
Boyd	Crowley	Giffords
Brady (PA)	Cuellar	Gingrey (GA)
Brady (TX)	Culberson	Gonzalez
Braley (IA)	Cummings	Goodlatte
Bright	Dahlkemper	Gordon (TN)
Broun (GA)	Davis (CA)	Granger
Brown (SC)	Davis (IL)	Graves
Brown, Corrine	Davis (KY)	Grayson
Brown-Waite,	DeFazio	Green, Al
Ginny	DeGette	Green, Gene
Buchanan	Delahunt	Griffith
Burgess	DeLauro	Guthrie
Burton (IN)	Dent	Hall (NY)